

Senate Resolution 7 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

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1 A Resolution to commemorate the service and sacrifice
2 of Iowans at the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

3 WHEREAS, for many Iowans their baptism under fire
4 came at Wilson's Creek, on a sultry August day in 1861,
5 when the second major battle of the Civil War was
6 fought; and

7 WHEREAS, mustered for service in May, on August 10,
8 1861, the 1st Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry was
9 part of Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon's Army of the
10 West; and

11 WHEREAS, Lyon's little army battled a large
12 confederate force all of the morning, and then at last,
13 with Lyon dead and their ammunition exhausted, the Army
14 of the West withdrew; and

15 WHEREAS, during the battle, Nicholas Bouquet, a
16 young Iowa volunteer, left the line of battle and,
17 exposing himself to the rebels, captured a horse
18 between the lines and hitched the horse to a disabled
19 gun, saving the gun from capture; and

20 WHEREAS, for that act of initiative and bravery,
21 Private Bouquet was awarded the Congressional Medal of
22 Honor in 1897; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That as we commemorate
24 the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War,
25 the Senate honors the service and sacrifice of the
26 thousands of Iowans who fought to save the United
27 States and bring freedom to millions.